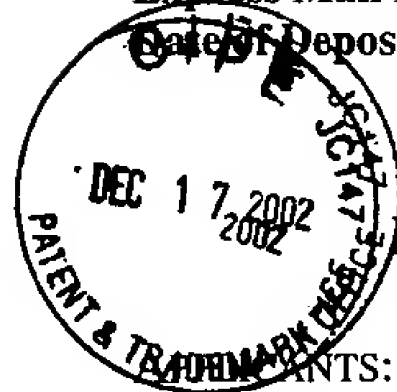


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1. Response to September 17, 2002 Office Action (6 pages);
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